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Parade Marks Retirement of Gen. Clarke

Brig. Gen. Carter Weldon Clarke, who retires Tuesday after 39 years of continuous service in the Army will be honored by a retirement review and ceremony Sunday at Fort Myer.

Gen. Clarke

General Clarke, a native of Smithland, Ky., became a private in the Kentucky National Guard in 1915. Although his basic branch of service was the Signal Corps, much of his work has been in intelligence.

During World War II, he was one of the Army's outstanding operators in that field and held many top positions, including that of chief, War Department Security Division.

During the 1944 presidential campaign, General Clarke was the confidential courier employed by General Marshall to transmit the now famous Dewey-Marshall correspondence regarding the Pearl Harbor investigations. Earlier, General Clarke conducted three special investigations of the Pearl Harbor attack for Chief of Staff Marshall prior to Army-Navy and congressional investigations.

From 1950 to 1953, he served as commanding general, Southwestern Command, Armed Forces, Far East. On June 25, 1952, the second anniversary of the start of the Korean War, he was the victim of an acid-throwing incident by Korean and Japanese Communists at Suita, Japan. He received burns on the face and chest which resulted in his hospitalization for several weeks.

His most recent assignment was in the office of Chief of Staff here. After retirement Tuesday, General Clarke plans to remain in Washington, where he lives with his wife at the Westchester Apartments.

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